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SUBJ: TRIAL OF THREE SNU STUDENTS CONTINUES

1. TRIAL OF THREE SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU) STUDENTS
ALLEGED TO BE RINGLEADERS IN CAMPUS DEMONSTRATION LAST
DECEMBER CONTINUED ON APRIL 8 WITH JUDGE AT TRIAL TAKING
RARE AND UNUSUAL ROLE IN PROCEEDINGS BY INSERTING DEFENSE OF
ROKG POLICIES.

2. WHEN STUDENTS WERE QUESTIONED BY PROSECUTION AS TO WHY
STUDENTS HAD DEMONSTRATED AGAINST YUSHIN CONSTITUTION AND
EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 9, STUDENTS GAVE LONG, DECLAMATORY
EXPLANATION WHICH WAS COMMENTED ON BY JUDGE. HE NOTED IF
YUSHIN SYSTEM WERE TO BE OPPOSED, UNITY OF KOREAN PEOPLE
WOULD BE DISTURBED, A SURE WAY TO AID AND ABET ENEMY.
HE ALSO SAID THAT AMERICAN F.B.I. WAS STILL INVESTIGATING
ALLEGATIONS THAT PAK TONG-SON HAD BRIBED U.S. CONGRESSMEN
AND THAT ROKG WAS INVOLVED. HE ASKED HOW ACCUSED COULD
BE SO CERTAIN.

3. STUDENTS THEN GAVE TYPICAL DEFENSE OF THEIR PROTEST
AGAINST YUSHIN ALTHOUGH ADMITTING THEY HAD NO PROOF OF
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PAK TONG-SON'S OR ROKG'S GUILT. NEXT SESSION OF COURT IS
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15 WHEN PROSECUTION IS EXPECTED TO
RECOMMEND SENTENCES AND WITH DEFENSE PRESENT FINAL
ARGUMENTS.

4. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY SNU STUDENTS WERE PRESENT ALONG
WITH WIVES OF MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS, YUN PO-SUN, KIM

TAE-CHUNG, MUN KI-HWAN AND HAN SOK-HUN. VISITORS
APPLAUDED STUDENTS AFTER TRIAL AND SANG "WE SHALL
OVERCOME."
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